

Long Branch Pedestrian Linkages -- No. 760600

Category
Agency
Planning Area
Relocation Impact

Housing and Community Development
Housing & Community Affairs
Silver Spring
None.

Date Last Modified
Required Adequate Public Facility

May 23, 2006
NO

EXPENDITURE SCHEDULE (\$000)

Cost Element	Total	Thru FY05	Est. FY06	Total 6 Years	FY07	FY08	FY09	FY10	FY11	FY12	Beyond 6 Years
Planning, Design and Supervision	1,029	0	399	630	240	150	120	120	0	0	0
Land	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Site Improvements and Utilities	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Construction	1,950	0	100	1,850	350	500	400	600	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	2,979	0	499	2,480	590	650	520	720	0	0	0

FUNDING SCHEDULE (\$000)

Community Development Block Grant	2,780	0	300	2,480	590	650	520	720	0	0	0
Federal Aid	199	0	199	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (\$000)

DESCRIPTION

This project will provide for a series of linkages in the Long Branch community that will connect the high-density residential areas with the Village Center and other key activity/service centers such as the Long Branch Library, playground, and Long Branch Community Center through signage and enhanced streetscaping. The objective is to support the vitality of the businesses in the commercial area and create new opportunities for private investment; to improve visual appearance of the main streets, Piney Branch Road between University Boulevard West and Flower Avenue, and Flower Avenue between Piney Branch Road and Arliss Street; to improve vehicular, bike, and pedestrian accessibility and circulation between the existing public facilities; to establish a more pedestrian-friendly environment throughout the Village core; and to stabilize, protect, and enhance existing streamside areas and nature paths in the Village Center. This project will be closely coordinated with all activities undertaken in connection with the recommendation of the Urban Land Institute's Technical Assistance Panel Report titled "The Long Branch Community", dated February, 2005. The scope has been refined and funding for implementation of this project is identified.

Service Area

Silver Spring

JUSTIFICATION

This is one of the oldest, most densely populated, and most diverse areas of Montgomery County and it suffers from higher than average poverty, older housing stock, changing population and increased youth and pedestrian injury issues. Based on the assessment of the Long Branch Task Force, improvements in this area are a critical part of the overall action plan to upgrade the quality of life in the Long Branch area.

Plans and Studies

Long Branch Village Center: Urban Design Concept, prepared by Johnson, Mirmiran & Thompson, Baltimore; East Silver Spring Master Plan. Pedestrian safety will be considered during design. Urban Land Institute's Technical Assistance Panel Report titled "The Long Branch Community", dated February, 2005. The Department is working closely with DEP on clean-up (removing trash and invasive species) in the Long Branch Stream Valley from Piney Branch Road north for approximately 200 linear feet. Also, in coordination with DEP and the Parks Department of M-NCPPC, the Department will try to correct some of the erosion gullies and re-plant the area with the native species.

Cost Change

Increase due to the addition of construction costs to this project.

STATUS

Facility planning and design.

OTHER

The design and planning stages, as well as final completion of the project will comply with the Department of Public Works and Transportation (DPWT), Maryland State Highway Administration (MSHA), Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD), American Association of State Highway Officials (AASHTO), and Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards.

The Council requests the Department provide a briefing and written information once the design is completed for the first phase of the linkages project. The written information must include how public safety will be addressed on the path and bridge. This safety plan must be approved by the County Police and Park Police.

APPROPRIATION AND EXPENDITURE DATA

Date First Appropriation	FY06	(\$000)
Initial Cost Estimate		300
First Cost Estimate		
Current Scope	FY07	2,979
Last FY's Cost Estimate		300
Present Cost Estimate		2,979

Appropriation Request	FY07	0
Appropriation Request Est.	FY08	0
Supplemental Appropriation Request	FY06	199
Transfer		0

Cumulative Appropriation	300
Expenditures/Encumbrances	8
Unencumbered Balance	292

Partial Closeout Thru	FY04	0
New Partial Closeout	FY05	0
Total Partial Closeout		0

COORDINATION

Department of Public Works and Transportation
Department of Permitting Services
Department of Recreation
Department of Public Libraries
Utility Companies
M-NCPPC
Maryland State Highway Administration

FY07 - CDBG Appropriation: \$240,000
FY08 - CDBG Appropriation: \$650,000

MAP

